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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6400

INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMCONSUL DURBAN

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SF, PINS

SUBJECT: EASING OF RESTRICTIONS ON ROBERT SOBUKWE

1. SUMMARY: SAG HAS RECENTLY GRANTED SOBUKWE CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS TO HIS BANNING ORDERS. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING CONGRESSMAN ANDREW YOUNG VISIT, SOBUKWE RECEIVED, UPON HIS REQUEST, PERMISSION TO GREET YOUNG AT AIRPORT AND TO MEET WITH ENTIRE YOUNG PARTY. PREVIOUSLY HE HAD BEEN RESTRICTED TO SEEING ONLY ONE PERSON AT A TIME. THIS APPLIED AS WELL TO SENATOR CLARK'S VISIT A WEEK LATER WHEN SOBUKWE AGAIN MET WITH ENTIRE PARTY.

3. ALSO, SOBUKWE TOLD EMBASSY HE WILL BE ALLOWED TO VISIT HIS HOME OF GRAAF REINET, ABOUT THREE HUNDRED MILES SOUTH OF KIMBERLY, FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON. THIS IS HIS FIRST VISIT HOME IN SIXTEEN YEARS WHEN HE WAS FIRST IMPRISONED. HE HAS, SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM ROBBER ISLAND, BEEN RESTRICTED TO MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF KIMBERLY. HOWEVER, SOBUKWE FEELS THAT THIS VISIT IS ONE-TIME-ONLY EXCEPTION TO BANNING ORDERS.

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4. COMMENT: IT IS PREMATURE TO READ TOO MUCH SIGNIFICANCE INTO THESE SAG CONCESSIONS. CODEL VISITS, ALONG WITH GENERAL INTERNATIONAL STATURE SOBUKWE HAS BEEN ACCUMULATING, MAY HAVE PLAYED SOME ROLE IN CAUSING SAG EASING OF RESTRICTIONS ON SOBUKWE. HOWEVER, IT'S UNLIKELY IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE THAT SAG WILL GO BEYOND THESE RELATIVELY MINOR CONCESSIONS FOR SOBUKWE OR, FOR THAT MATTER, ANY CONCESSIONS FOR OTHER DETAINED LEADERS OF THE ANC/PAC DAYS.  
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